

Sports heroes rally round

By STEPHEN FORBES

All Black legend Michael Jones will be among the sporting greats at Henderson High School's 50th jubilee celebrations over Queen's Birthday weekend.

The school has a strong sporting history and number of former pupils have achieved sporting success in rugby, netball, motorsport and boxing.

The Henderson High School roll of honour includes five former All Blacks: Michael Jones, Phil Clarke, Mark Mayerhoffer, Eroni Clark and former New Zealand Rugby Football Union chairman Richie Guy.

Other former pupils who went on to sporting fame include motor racing champion Paul Radisich, Silver Fern Leonie Wendt Leaver, Auckland rugby representative Timo Tagaloa, and Manu Samoa and Auckland rugby representative Leo Lafaiali'i.

Former student Doug Aldred, who has helped organise sports events for the celebratory weekend, says it will be a great occasion.

"A large gathering of former pupils is expected to meet on the Friday night and, in terms of the sports day, this will be an event not to be missed."

Mr Aldred says the response to the 50th jubilee celebrations has taken everyone



JUBILEE SPORT: Keen to see old friends at the Henderson High School reunion are, from left: Michael Jones, Doug Aldred, Leonie Wendt Leaver, principal Owen Hoskin and Timo Tagaloa.

by surprise.

"It's been unbelievable, the registrations are absolutely flying in.

"At present there is in the vicinity of 40 former first XV members returning — covering four decades," he says. "The whole of the 1975-76

first XV is returning from all over the world."

Leonie Wendt Leaver says she's looking forward to the jubilee.

Michael Jones agrees and hopes to meet up with various former team-mates in the school's first XV.

"It was a wonderful school. I'm very thankful for my years at Henderson High School and how they shaped my life. I don't have anything but fond memories."

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